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Dear Mr. Stokes:

As an informed and compassionate human being, I would ask that you please consider recommending to Federal Agencies to immediately begin using alternative methods for draize testing, that are found to be as useful, if not more so. Also, to move forward with recommended improvements in these alternatives without the delay of accepting the tests current forms. And lastly, to please go beyond by formulating and validating non-animal testing methods to completely replace the use of the Draize test. I know in my heart that it is wrong to cause needless pain to ANY animal, especially when there are alternative methods.

Thank You,

Melissa Hepner